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# The DX Bulletin

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PROPAGATION: Dec 21, High Normal; Dec 22, Low Normal; Dec 23, High Normal; Dec 24-28, Above Normal; Dec 29, High Normal. TNX N4XX and KH6BZF.

## POLAND

Several months ago amateur radio operators in Poland were required to register lists of their radio equipment with local authorities, and were also probably given instructions as to where to turn in their equipment to if that order was given.

When the military took over on Sunday, December 13, included in the orders was a dictate regarding communications with the outside world. Those who worked the ARRL 10-Meter Contest that weekend had no doubt what was happening...many SP stations were heard the first day of the activity but only one or two appeared on Sunday.

CBS and NBC News both contacted the ARRL headquarters early in the week of Dec 14, hoping WIAW would be able to call "CQ Poland" and establish some contact. The League referred the news organizations to a local Connecticut amateur, one known to be knowledgeable in these matters. He declined the opportunity. On Wednesday, Dec 16, the CBS Evening News broadcast featured two West Coast amateurs who had been in contact with SP stations following the leave-the-air order.

All amateurs are advised that they may indeed run into clandestine stations operating out of Poland. If an SP callsign is heard it is advisable to NOT repeat that callsign if contact is established. Any work by Polish amateurs is likely to be on CW, transmissions brief. Hams should try to copy the transmissions as accurately as possible. Reports of such contacts made to TDXB will be forwarded to the proper authorities.

There are over 6,000 Polish amateurs and it is highly unlikely that all of them turned in all of their equipment.

Rumors of an International DX Foundation sponsored Navassa expedition, publicized last week in both *QRZ DX* and the *Long Island DX Bulletin* are absolutely NOT true, according to IDXF. They are still recovering from the costs of last June's Desecheo operation and IDXF at this time has nothing in the works except their usual QSL services for a number of DX stations.

TN8AJ is on 28750 at 1200Z almost every day (strong) and YIIAS is on 28760 at 1400Z some days (weak). When DK20C and his buddy G4CHP cannot hear YIIAS they call the schedule off, even if US stations can copy the YI.

CN8BS on 20 Meters Dec 15 was by Tom Gregory, N4NW. QSL to AK3F, POB 573, Gettysburg PA 17325.

PA0GMM, Guido van den Berg, is off on another Pacific tour shortly. All his stops with appropriate dates are listed in the Calendar, including KX6, YJ8, C21, T2, T30, and T32. He'll be using an FT101ZD and 12AVQ on SSB only, 14200, 21300, and 28600. QSL with appropriate additions to his home address.

One correction to Issue 119...regarding the "Alaska Woodpecker," we said send your SWL card to the FAA, when (of course) we should have said FCC. A Freudian slip for sure...your editor used to work for the FAA but never for the FCC!

E8SAK says the Albanian operation in planning is being held up by one piece of paperwork, that which will give the days of permitted operation. They're hoping for February, 1982.

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DL1VU is said to have left Germany 7 December to begin his Pacific operations. His first stop was in 9M2 West Malaysia (no operating contemplated). No timetable for the operations is available because his transport will be by boat, but the stops include 9M2, VK, ZL, VK9N, FK0VU, YJ0VU, 3D2VU, FW0VU, 5W1DC, ZM7VU, DL1VU/KH8, ZK1XG, ZK1XG/North, ZK2VU, A35VU, then ZL, VK, 9M2, and DL. A pretty ambitious itinerary. Look for him from the first interesting stop, Norfolk, before the New Year.

9Y4KG by Iris and Lloyd Colvin concluded Dec 2, tallying 9,000 two-ways with 141 DXCC countries, about equally divided SSB and CW. They were active in the CQ WW CW Contest at the end of November. They advise that Trinidad features "complicated, time-consuming, and costly" customs procedures for radio gear. It took them eight days to get their radios released from customs. Next operation for them will be W6QL/8R1, Guyana.

Jeff Maass, K8ND, is looking for two more operators to join a group for the 1982 ARRL International DX Competition, CW, in February. All arrangements (including transportation) have been made and there is little for the prospective team member to do but contact Jeff and cough up some dollars. Write him at 4410 Norwell Dr, Columbus OH 43220.

A new computer-generated custom DX listing is being offered by Jon Presley, WD0EAO (Rte 3, Box 117, Lebanon, MO 65536), featuring prefix, country name, CQ Continent, CQ zone, ITU zone, both long and short path bearings and mileages, and spaces to check off "worked" and "confirmed." One thing missing which would be nice is spaces to check off the country on five or six different bands. Cost is \$6.95 plus \$1.50 for postage.

#### LETTERS    LETTERS    LETTERS

Name

Withheld: "Sure am glad to see that TDXB can afford a radio as expensive as the Collins KWM-380."

*I earn my living with Collins tools... please don't ask to borrow them.*

Mick Koelble: "I'd like to say a few words about list operations. I have worked a few stations on list type operations but I gave it up about a year ago. After working them I lost the feeling of accomplishment and I felt I had not actually worked the station. After all, what did I do but sit for an hour and wait for someone to give the DX station my call and tell him to listen very carefully while I gave him a report and he gave me mine. Where was the fun and sport?"

"To discourage list operations you might stop publishing any information about them in TDXB." (Mickey is N8BKB).

*As Ackroyd and Belushi said in the Blues Brothers, "We're on a mission from God." However, we do not think that someone who actively opposes list operations yet works new countries via lists (if that is the only way) is a hypocrite.*

*Asking DXers if they work lists is sort of like asking people in North Carolina if they vote for Jesse Helms. Few will admit it but many do.*

Fred Matos: "After reading your reviews of the CQ WW Con-

tests I wonder if I was in the same contexts. On the CW Contest report, how much of the rare DX was located via the 2-Meter net? I run a single-op modest station also. Some of the DX you listed I never heard, even though I was on much longer than you were. I never heard an SU or 9K2."

*Fred, I worked 364 contacts in 302 countries on CW, including 25 on 80, 36 on 40, 82 on 20, 80 on 15, and 79 on 10 Meters. That's running a KW, TH6DXX, and dipoles. I'd guess I got about twenty of the countries via the Net, and I contributed a lot more, primarily because I was spending all my time listening. One trick I use is to listen to a multi-transmitter station work a rare one, and when they move him to another band, follow them and pick up the multiplier again.*

*Although I already have 5-Band DXCC, I have kept track since Oct 1, 1981, and I have in ten weeks worked a hundred on 40-10 and 70 on 80 Meters. It can be done (5-Band DXCC) in three months.*



BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

AP2IZ 14220 13W 7	KA4P/	VK9NL 28570 00E 8	3V8AA 3796 02E 14
AP2P 28511 13E 8	KH4 7002 11E 13	VK9NS 3503 12E 14	5T5ZZ 14216 11E 11
A4XIU 28527 12E 9	KA4P/	VK9NYG 28536 13W 10	5T5ZZ 14206 10C 12
PAØWAY/	KH4 3510 12E 13	VS5PM 28037 23E 7	5W1DT 21025 03E 8
A6 28515 15E 6	KA4P/	VS5PM 21025 01C 8	5W1DQ 14208 06C 13
A71AE 7005 02E 11	KH4 3513 13C 13	VS5PM 28027 23C 9	5Z4CM 28531 11E 9
CN8BX 14211 21E 14	KHØAC 28575 01W 8	VS6CT 14223 07C 13	5Z4CA 21271 21E 14
CR9AG 14201 14C 10	KX1BO 7005 07W 8	V2AN 28589 19C 7	6W8HL 28596 13W 9
DU1CK 7010 14W 6	OD5LX 14024 05E 12	V2WK 14205 23C 14	7P8BO 14252 04E 10
DU6RCR 28544 00W 8	OY1R 28739 13E 11	XZ9A 14223 16W 10	7P8BL 28770 12E 11
D68AM 21285 20C 8	SV1JG 3505 05E 12	ZD8TC 7004 07W 7	7Q7LW 28508 19C 6
EC9AQ 21040 13C 9	TA1AB 28506 13E 9	ZD8KS 21282 21E 12	7Q7LW 21273 19C 8
FO8HL 28585 00E 10	TN8AJ 14195 22C 11	ZK1DG 28530 00E 9	7Q7LW 21284 19C 13
HFØPOL 14031 02W 6	TN8AJ 21330 21E 13	Z21GB 21292 19C 8	7Q7LW 21285 20W 13
HKØEHM 28745 13E 8	TU2JL 14210 00W 7	3A2GX 3503 03E 12	7X2MB 3500 04E 13
HL4YD 28565 00E 10	T3ØAT 14009 05W 6	3B7CF 7004 14C 8	8Q7AV 14202 13W 8
HS1AMS 28575 01C 11	T3ØAT 14012 05E 14	3B7CF 14027 03W 8	9G1JD 28770 12E 11
HZ1AB 28548 15C 6	UA1PAM 14030 05C 9	3B7CF 28645 17W 8	9K2BE 28015 14E 10
H44DX 28535 01E 8	UA1PAL 3504 03E 14	3B7CF 28641 16E 10	9X5MH 21301 21E 12
H44SH 14209 13W 13	UA9TS 3500 04E 13	3B8CD 14026 04E 12	
JW6MY 21012 20C 9	UD6DHC 7011 13C 13	3D6BS 14204 04E 10	
J28DP 14030 05C 9	UF6DZ 14202 05C 12	3V8AA 28535 13E 9	

W1/W2/W3: please mail your reports by Monday

All others: please mail your reports by Sunday

TDXB: 203-871-6251

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Japan's "DX Family Foundation" will hold their second Tokyo DX Convention Feb 6 and 7, 1982. The event will feature equipment displays, talks by JA1AEA, JA1BRK, and JA2KLT, movies, and an evening banquet with presentation by OH2BH. The sponsors are welcoming all interested DXers to the event.

JA8MWU will be in Nepal again from Dec 26 to 31, and will use 9N1BMK if permission for 9N1JA cannot be had. After that he will spend a week in Bangladesh and try for operating there, also.

Sorry no QSL list this week...next issue.

PROPAGATION  
(Thanks KH6BZF)

DATE	FLUX (1980)	FLUX (1981)	ALPHA (1981)	K (1981)
11/24	180	156	10	3
11/25	183	163	20	3
11/26	195	182	10	2
11/27	190	196	7	1
11/28	197	214	5	2
11/29	200	226	5	2
11/30	220	238	2	1
12/1	229	237	6	3
12/2	219	241	7	2
12/3	204	246	13	4
12/4	205	249	12	3
12/5	192	268	10	2
12/6	176	270	8	2
12/7	182	288	8	2

# CALENDAR

Crozet	FB8WG on again soon
Midway	KA4P/KH4 until Dec 22
Gabon	KC7I/TR8 until Dec 23
Chatham	ZL1AZV/C until Dec 23
Congo	TN8AJ until Dec 24 min.
Cayman Is	ZF2FK by WD9IIC until Dec 26
Swaziland	W6YB/3D6 Dec 24-31
Monaco	CW Dec 24-Jan 2 Issue 119
Nepal	9N1BMK by JA8MWU Dec 26-31; I 121
Macao	CR9BH by OH2BH in January
Bangladesh	S2 by JA8MWU Jan 2-9
Angola	OK3TAB/D2 Jan 3-Apr 1
Benin	TY by K4YT Jan 11-17
Marshall Is	KX6ZX by PA0GMM Jan 14-18
Nigeria	5N by K4YT Jan 18-Feb 1
New Hebrides	YJ8 by PA0GMM Jan 20-23
Nauru	C21NI by PA0GMM Jan 25-26
Tuvalu	T2 by PA0GMM Jan 28-Feb 3
Gabon	TR8 by K4YT Feb 2-8
West Kiribati	T30 by PA0GMM Feb 5-10
Congo	TN by K4YT Feb 9-15
E Kiribati	T32 by PA0GMM Feb 11-16
C.A.R.	TL by K4YT Feb 16-Mar 2
Zaire	9Q5 by K4YT Mar 3-17
Kenya	5Z4 by K4YT Mar 18-Apr 1
Seychelles	S79 by K4YT Apr 2-8
Ethopia	ET3 by K4YT Apr 9-17

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WA8CZS, WD5AAM, KA7AJS, WA7OBH,  
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